

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for spinning a multifilament thread from a thermoplastic material, the method comprising: comprising
extruding a melted thermoplastic material through a spinneret having a plurality of spinneret holes to form a filament bundle comprised of a plurality of filaments,
winding the filaments as thread after solidifying,
and cooling the filament bundle beneath the spinneret, the cooling being conducted in two steps,
wherein a first step of the cooling is conducted in a first cooling zone and a second step of the cooling is conducted in a second cooling zone that is beneath the first cooling zone,
wherein in the first cooling zone, the gaseous cooling medium is blown from a blowing device and the a gaseous cooling medium flow is directed in such a way that it flows through the filament bundle transversely by sucking the gaseous cooling medium with a suction device after the gaseous cooling medium flows through the filament bundle, at least a portion of the filament bundle in the first cooling zone being disposed between the blowing device and the suction device, and
wherein the gaseous cooling medium blown from the blowing device leaves the filament bundle substantially completely on a side opposite an inflow side within the first cooling zone, and
wherein in the second cooling zone, which is beneath the first cooling zone, the filament bundle is cooled further through self-suction of the a gaseous cooling medium surrounding the filament bundle.

2. (Canceled)
3. (Currently Amended) ~~Method~~ The method according to Claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ a flow speed of the gaseous cooling medium in the first cooling zone is between 0.1 and 1 m/s.
4. (Currently Amended) ~~Method~~ The method according to Claim 1, wherein the first cooling zone has a length between 0.2 and 1.2 m.
5. (Currently Amended) ~~Method~~ The method according to Claim 1, wherein in the second cooling zone, the filaments are led between perforated materials in such a way that the gaseous cooling medium can reach the filaments from two sides during the self-suction.
6. (Currently Amended) ~~Method~~ The method according to Claim 1, wherein in the second cooling zone, the filament bundle is led through a perforated tube.
7. (Currently Amended) ~~Method~~ The method according to Claim 1, wherein the filaments are drawn after cooling and before being wound up.
8. (Currently Amended) ~~Method~~ The method according to Claim 1, wherein the winding is performed at speeds of at least 2000 m/min.
9. (Currently Amended) ~~Method~~ The method according to Claim 1, wherein the gaseous cooling medium is air or an inert gas.
10. (Currently Amended) ~~Method~~ The method according to Claim 1, wherein the thermoplastic material is polyester, polyamide, polyolefin or mixtures of these polymers.
11. (Currently Amended) ~~Method~~ The method according to Claim 1, wherein the thermoplastic material consists essentially of polyethylene terephthalate.
12. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) Filament yarns made by ~~a process~~ the method according to Claim 1.

13. (Withdrawn) Polyester filament yarns having a breaking tenacity T in mN/tex and an elongation at rupture E in %, wherein the product of the breaking tenacity T and the cube root of the elongation at rupture E , $T \cdot E^{1/3}$, is at least 1600 mN %^{1/3}/tex.

14. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The polyester~~Polyester~~ filament yarns according to Claim 13, wherein the sum of an elongation in % after application of a specific load (EAST - elongation at specific tension) of 410 mN/tex and a hot-air shrinkage (HAS) at 180°C in % (EAST + HAS) is less than 11%.

15. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) A cord~~Cord~~ comprising polyester filament yarns according to Claim 13, the cord having a retention capacity R_t in % after dipping, wherein a quality factor Q_f , which is the product of $T \cdot E^{1/3}$ of the polyester filament yarns and R_t of the cord, is greater than 1350 mN %^{1/3}/tex.

16. (Currently Amended) The method~~Method~~ according to claim 5, wherein the perforated materials comprise perforated panels.

17. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The filament~~Filament~~ yarns according to claim 12, wherein the filament yarns are polyester filament yarns.

18. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The polyester~~Polyester~~ filament yarns according to claim 14, wherein the sum of EAST + HAS is less than 10.5%.